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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SOUNDNESS OF A  
SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM, AND METHOD FOR THE VERIFICATION  
OF DATA OF A SHEET-SHAPED MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 6, after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION",  
insert the following paragraph:

a! --The present application is a Continuation-In-Part  
of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/645,401, filed on  
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REMARKS

Examination is requested.

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